

In the claims:

In the claims, please amend the second claim 10 as follows:

~~10~~ 11. A method of expanding an expandable toy comprising the steps of:

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inserting an inflation device into an interior space of the expandable toy through a single aperture in the expandable toy;

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inflating said inflation device;

increasing the size of the expandable toy when said inflation device pushes on an interior surface of the expandable toy;

3
expanding a plurality of elastic bands that run along said interior surface of the expandable toy;

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ceasing inflation when the expandable toy has reached a desired size or when said expandable toy is fully expanded;

sealing said inflation device; and